## **CHAPTER NO. 244**

## **SENATE BILL NO. 273**

## By Haynes

Substituted for: House Bill No. 771

By Briley

AN ACT To amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 50, Chapter 6, relative to benefit review conferences.

## BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 50-6-237, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

(c) When a benefit review conference is held, both the employee and the employer, or the employer's insurer, shall provide that a person with the authority to settle the dispute attends the conference. Failure to provide such a person in attendance without good cause at a conference by an employer or insurer shall subject the employer or insurer to a penalty of not less than fifty dollars (\$50.00) nor more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00).

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2001, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: May 16, 2001

JOHN S. WILDER SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER

APPROVED this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of May 2001

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